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Great Bend's First Sales Day Was a Great Success--Let's All Plan to Make the Next One Still Better

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, on the 2nd day of February, 1910, there was presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, a petition asking that an election be called and ordered for the qualified electors of Great Bend Township, Barton County, Kansas, to vote upon the proposition as to whether said Township of Great Bend should subscribe to the capital stock of the Kansas North-Western Railway Company and issue in payment thereof the bonds of said Great Bend Township, to the amount and under the conditions set forth in said petition, and whereas the said Board of County Commissioners, did according to law convene in special session and duly determine after investigation that said petition was signed by more than two-fifths of the resident taxpayers of said Township of Great Bend and did as by law required, after ascertaining such fact, issue the following order:

ORDER.

WHEREAS, a petition, signed by T. O. Cole and thirty-nine other persons, the same being more than two-fifths of the resident tax payers of the township of Great Bend, county of Barton, state of Kansas, has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Barton asking that a special election be called and ordered in said township of Great Bend, county of Barton, for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to subscribe to the capital stock of The Kansas North-Western Railway Company and issue the bonds of said township of Great Bend, county of Barton, in payment thereof; Which petition exclusive of the signatures is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:—

To The County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas: We, the undersigned, resident tax payers and legal voters of the Township of Great Bend, in Barton County, Kansas, respectfully petition your honorable body to submit to the qualified electors of Great Bend township, for their acceptance or rejection, at a special election to be ordered by your honorable body, under and in pursuance of the provisions of Chap. 84, Article 2, General Statutes of Kansas 1901, the following proposition, with terms and conditions herein specified, to-wit:—

Shall the Township of Great Bend, in Barton County, Kansas, subscribe for One Hundred shares of \$100 each of the capital stock of the Kansas North-Western Railway Company, a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Kansas, and in payment therefore issue to said Railway Company Ten Bonds of said Township, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, payable to bearer at the fiscal agency at the city of Topeka, Kansas, twenty years after the date thereof, and bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent, payable annually, for which interest coupons shall be attached, payable at the fiscal agency of the State of Kansas at Topeka.

This subscription of stock and issue of bonds shall be upon the following conditions, viz: As soon as said proposition shall be determined in the affirmative, by a canvas of the votes cast at the said election, the Board of County Commissioners of said County of Barton, for and in behalf of said Great Bend Township, shall order the County Clerk of said county to make, and the county clerk shall make said subscription in the name of said Township for One Hundred Shares of the capital stock of said Railway Company; and when the railroad of said Company shall be built, of standard gauge and completed and in operation from some point in the City of Great Bend to Galatia, Barton County, Kansas, The said Railway Company shall receive Ten Thousand Dollars of said bonds, and issue One Hundred Shares of Stock therefor.

The said Board of County Commissioners shall cause such bonds with interest coupons attached as aforesaid, to be issued in the name of Great Bend Township, and shall deliver the same to said Railway Company upon delivery of tender to the county treasurer of said County by the said Railway Company of a Certificate for One Hundred Shares of fully paid up capital stock of the said Railway Company, equal in amount with said bonds, dollar for dollar. Provided however, that there shall be built and constructed and in operation, said Railway, with freight and passenger depots or stations established and ready for business on or before March 1st, 1911.

And said Railway Company will accept the bonds legally voted and tendered them under this proposition, and such acceptance shall be held as a covenant binding upon said Railway Company, their successors and assigns, to properly operate and maintain said line of Railway between the points hereinbefore mentioned.

The form of ballots to be used at said election shall be as follows:

Shall the Township of Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas, subscribe for 100 shares of the Capital stock of The Kansas North-Western Railway Company, and issue the bonds of said township in payment for the same.

YES

NO

It is therefore by the County Commissioners of the County of Barton,

State of Kansas, ordered and directed that a special election be held in the township of Great Bend, County of Barton, State of Kansas, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 1910, to determine whether the proposition to subscribe for the stock of The Kansas North-Western Railway Company and issue the bonds of the Township of Great Bend, County of Barton, in payment thereof, on the conditions contained in said petition, shall be adopted or rejected. The special election shall be held and returns made and result ascertained and declared in the same manner as provided by law for general elections. The ballots to be used in said election shall be of the form and contain the words stated in said petition. Thirty days notice of said election shall first be given according to law, by publishing this order in the Barton County Democrat for said period of thirty days, and the Sheriff of Barton County is hereby directed to give said notice an make due proclamation of said election.

Done at the city of Great Bend, Kansas, this 2nd day of February, 1910.

P. E. Murphy, Ch'mn.

Frank Wood,

N. W. Klepper,

Board of County Commissioners.

Attest—C. F. Younkin, County Clerk.

(Seal)

Now therefore I, M. Dalley, Sheriff of Barton County, Kansas, do hereby give public notice and proclaim that a special election will be held of the qualified electors of Great Bend Township, Barton County, Kansas, on Tuesday, March 8th, 1910, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition as to whether said Great Bend Township shall subscribe to the capital stock of the Kansas North-Western Railway Company in manner and form and under the conditions set forth in the above order and that said election will be held at the regular polling place in the said Township of Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of February, 1910, at the Sheriff's office in the City of Great Bend.

M. DAILEY,

Sheriff of Barton County, Kansas.

B. W. Snow Talks of Wheat—Says

Roots are All Right.

B. W. Snow, the most widely quoted wheat authority in America, was in Hutchinson a couple of days ago. While there he investigated the conditions, and expressed the opinion that while wheat has been damaged for present appearance he believes the 1910 crop has a chance to make good. Mr. Snow is an expert, and has been making a tour of the wheat belt to give his best judgment on conditions.

After looking over the fields and conditions around Hutchinson, Mr. Snow wired out the following opinion which is being quoted in all the American wheat markets this week.

"It is too early to tell much about Kansas wheat. Tops are dead, but the root and crown appear to be in good shape. The fall growth was small, but the stand is good."

For Exchange.

Lands in Western Kansas and Colorado, to exchange for stocks of goods of all kinds, city or rural property. See Whitcomb & Wehrhahn.

E. R. Moses made a business trip to Neoma, Rush county, this week.

C. G. Morrison and son, Carl, have returned from their Pacific coast trip. Mrs. Morrison and Jay will return later.

Mrs. Val Kramer and daughter, Katie, were down from Clifton this week visiting Dave Horner and family on the south side.

A large list of wheat corn and alfalfa lands for sale at right prices. Anyone interested will do well to call on or write Whitcomb & Wehrhahn.

Great Bend has a cartoonist, Miss Helena Javoy, the pleasant stenographer in Whitcomb & Wehrhahn's office has been devoting her spare time to the art, and shows rare ability in making pencil pictures.

J. M. Hughes of Denver is in Great Bend this week visiting Whitcomb & Wehrhahn, who are handling his land in the San Luis valley. Anyone desiring information regarding these lands would do well to call on Mr. Hughes while here.

Fred L. Hartley and A. E. Dirks have returned from a trip to Old Mexico, and loudly shout the praises of the land of the Montezumas. On the trip Mr. Dirks took eighty-eight pictures of interesting views of that country.

It was a noticeable fact on Sales Day that a large part of the crowd in the city was made up of people who came some distance to be present. There were farmers from nearly all corners of the county. This will become more noticeable as the Sales Days come in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breeden returned Wednesday morning from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they have been visiting for some time. They were accompanied by James Creek, a relative of the Breedens, who came out to attend the Breeden-Kellam wedding.

Great Bend Foundry Burns.

An alarm of fire about six o'clock Tuesday morning took the fire department to the foundry, located just south of the Walnut Creek Mill office which was on fire and pretty badly burned up when the department arrived. Just how the building took fire has not been ascertained. It was an old structure, but contained a lot of valuable tools and several threshing rigs. There was a time, years ago, when this institution did a great deal of business, but not so in recent years, except during the thrasher repair season. The building was owned by G. H. Hulme. Some of the rigs in the building were owned by other people who had them stored there or brought them in for repairs, while one new rig belonged to Oscar Johnson. Also a number of tools belonged to him, he being the last person to have the running of the institution. Some of his loss is covered by insurance, but not near all of it, and he therefore, is a heavy loser.

Krier-Embry.

Married on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Episcopal Cathedral in Salina, Dr. H. Grandell Krier, Dean Marker officiating.

Miss Krier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krier of Cleveland township, whose large circle of friends are only limited by her acquaintances.

Dr. Embry is a young man of sterling worth who only a short time ago graduated from medical college and has chosen this as his field for practice and who has a very bright future before him. The Doctor has friends by the score, all of whom are interested in his welfare and success.

Dr. and Mrs. Embry returned home from Salina on No. 3 Tuesday night, having gone down on the morning train, and were met at the depot by a crowd who were anxiously awaiting their return, and who gave them a rouser shower that they will remember for some time.

In order that the newlyweds would have no trouble in finding their way from the depot up town the way had been plainly marked by placing red footprints on the sidewalk leading to the Doctor's office. The office was decorated with red hearts strung from the four corners of the room, running to the center, where they connected with a large one.

The Clarion joins with their many friends in wishing them all the good life.—Claffin Clarion.

Dragging the Roads.

Since we published the drag road law in full last week we have been told by a number of farmers that the law so far has not been observed by their township officers. We take it that this is an oversight on the part of the officials. A number have spoken of the vast amount of good work that can be accomplished under this law at a reasonable expense. All should take it upon themselves to see their township officers and urge them to avail themselves of this new statute to better the roads and see that it is done. A road that is regularly and properly dragged is so much better than one that is not, that any person will at once notice the difference. Let us have the best roads we can, and all the good roads we can.

New Buildings.

There are at this time a number of new residences in course of construction, and more coming on.

Herman Colegrove is getting ready to build a six room house.

Dr. Lindas is preparing to build a \$5,000 residence on west Broadway, which is to be heated with vapor vacuum.

S. A. Ferguson has completed plans for a two story brick to be erected on the corner of Main and 7th streets. The lower floor to be used for a restaurant and the second story for a rooming house.

Many other houses and buildings are contemplated, and taken all in all it begins to look as though the season would be a very prosperous one for our people.

Our Prosperity Edition.

We have been asked several times as to our Prosperity Edition. We are very sorry to state that the bad weather which prevailed in this section of the state during the two months preceding the holidays, kept us from getting around in the country to complete the canvassing for the edition. We are this week starting a man out on this work, and just as soon as he can complete the work of canvassing, the edition will be finished and placed. We regret the delay as much as anyone, but the weather is something we or no other living person control. We hope to finish this proposition as speedily as possible.

Conrad Ochs was a visitor from Wheatland township Wednesday.

Oscar Johnson and family have moved into the McMillen house in the second ward, recently vacated by R. K. Wattson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gilham were over from North Homestead township this week. Mr. Gilham has just added to his real estate holdings another half section of excellent land.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kepple are moving back from Wichita county. They will occupy the Kepple home on the corner of Lakin and Morton.

George Nimocks to Leave.

The many friends of George Nimocks, while rejoicing at his advancement in the world, will be sorry to hear that he and family are to leave Great Bend. The death of Mrs. Nimocks' father, who was one of the leading business men of Scandia, made necessary some changes in the business interests, among them being the presidency of a bank at Scandia. While in that city looking after matters changes were made in the holdings of the institution, whereby Mr. Nimocks becomes the president of the bank, which necessitates his removal to that city. The many friends of George, who is an out and out Great Bend boy, extend to him their congratulations and best wishes for a successful career in the line. He expects to leave at once to assume his new duties.

F. R. Herron Dead.

The people of this community were shocked on Sunday morning to hear of the death of Frank Herron, which occurred at his home just west of the city. A few evenings before Mr. Herron was stricken with a heart trouble while in the city. He was at once removed to his home, but grew steadily worse until the end came. He is survived by a wife and five children.

Frank Robert Herron was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 11, 1863. He came to Kansas in 1879. In 1885 he was married to Anna Schridde. Frank has devoted much of his time to farming. He was well known in this county, always taking an active part in the affairs of the county, and his death at an early age is mourned by a host of friends.

The funeral was conducted from the late home on Tuesday at 2:30, under the auspices of the W.O.W., of which he was a member.

Progress Club.

The Progress Club diverged a little Monday from its regular program and observed St. Valentine's day. The regular course of study was dropped for the day and a Valentine program rendered. The program opened with a piano solo by Miss Clara Clayton. Mrs. R. C. Russell then told of the origin of St. Valentine's day. The next number was a Valentine day farce in which the characters were portrayed by Mrs. E. R. Moses Jr., Miss Frances Moses and Miss Anna Taylor. The next number on the program was a vocal solo by Miss Frances Moses, followed by an interesting reading from "Fisher Men's Luck" by Mrs. Foote. A piano solo by Miss Emley and a vocal solo by Mr. Townsley were the next numbers and the program then ended with original valentine verses written by the club members and read aloud. The hostess Mrs. E. R. Moses then served light refreshments. This was followed by a business meeting of the club members at which arrangements were made for the entertainment of the other clubs of the city next Monday. At that time the Progress Club will meet in the Library Hall and entertain the other clubs of the city. A special program is being arranged.

Good Roads Meeting.

Arrangements are now being made for holding a county good roads meeting in this city in the near future.

The idea is to hold a convention of all trustees and other road officials also representatives of clubs and business organizations, and then to have the state engineer Mr. Gearhart come and make a talk on the good roads question. There may not be so very much new that he can tell some of the folks, but yet an interchange of views between those in attendance and Mr. Gearhart may result in some good. It certainly will. We understand that the committee having charge of the work of building the good road from here west along the Pacific are arranging for a series of meetings to be held. The first one to be held in this city about March 14th. This to be followed by others the full length of the proposed road. Full and definite announcement of the meeting will be made later, and it is hoped that all interested, and that should mean everyone, will watch for this date and take a day off to attend.

Daring Bank Robbery.

Expert yegmen, traveling in a motor car, robbed the banks early Monday in two small towns, Ford City and Bucklin, a few miles southeast of Dodge City, in a manner for daring that recalls the early days when Dodge City and the surrounding country was noted for sensational killings, robberies and gun fights. Over \$3,000.00 was secured at Ford City. Then they went to Bucklin, which is but a short distance from Ford City, and robbed the bank there. The exact amount that was secured from this bank is not known.

We recently received a nice letter from Ike Lewis, at present assistant state superintendent of insurance, announcing his candidacy for the main job and soliciting our help. Well, we do not suppose that the Republicans will pay much attention to what we may suggest as to suitable timber for them to put on their state ticket this coming campaign, but if we have to have a republican to fill that office, here is hoping it will be Ike, because he is a good fellow, a former central Kansas boy, and a man who knows how to handle the job if he gets it.

U. Lichter and son were down from Olmitz, Tuesday.

WALNUT WHITTILINGS.

It looks like spring was here. Did you get a comic valentine? We wonder if any wheat has winter killed.

T. B. Quimby is in the hospital at Great Bend.

Doc Hayes was a passenger to Ness City Saturday.

Beniah Butler returned from Great Bend Thursday.

Miss Emma Koriel is clerking in Simon Hayes' store.

Inca Paxton was a passenger to Great Bend this week.

Dr. W. H. Jones spent Saturday and Sunday in Great Bend.

Frank and Lydia Haas were in Great Bend last Friday.

Grey Thompson the station agent, was in Timken, Saturday.

Mrs. T. H. Bain drove to Great Bend on business last Thursday.

C. W. Deighton and wife went to Great Bend Tuesday in their auto.

Jake Heger, west of town, was a passenger to Great Bend last Tuesday.

Edith and Gail Miller were visitors at the home of B. F. Butler and family.

Earl Duff of Great Bend came up Monday and visited his old friend, George Starr.

Della Johnson and brothers, Loy and Joe, were Great Bend passengers last Saturday.

The Epworth League will give a social at the Gallon hall on Friday evening, February 25. Everybody is invited to come.

Dr. Meckfessel and small brother went to Larned Monday morning to look after the Doctor's father, who is yet very sick.

Albert Talheim went to Great Bend last week to look after some property interests. It is reported that Albert bought an automobile.

There was a party at W. M. Schroeder's, west of town last Monday night. A large crowd of young folks went out and a good time was reported.

Rev. D. D. Akin, the District Superintendent, is billed for a lecture at the Albert M. E. church on March 5. The subject is "Morgan's Raid Ohio During the War."

Dr. C. W. Dighton and family, Nona Boulware and Miss Drummond, of Scott City went to Uteka last Saturday in Mr. Dighton's auto. L. F. Parker was the chauffeur. The party returned Monday.

Elaborate preparations are being made for a grand masquerade ball at Mansolf's hall in Albert on the night of Tuesday, Feb. 22. Splendid music has been secured and the occasion promises to be a grand affair.

The boys are planning to organize a base ball team in Albert. There is no reason why such an organization should not be had here, as we have the material. A good lively ball team would be a great drawing card for the city.

Mr. Baker of the Great Bend Morning News, was in our city Monday, looking after the interests of his new morning daily. Several copies of the paper has visited various homes in our city and it is a neat, newsy little sheet. We wish the editors success.

It is estimated that the automobile manufacturers of this country are counting on turning out 150,000 machines this year. In Pittsburgh alone contracts for over \$1,000,000 worth of rubber work on automobiles have been let.

The ground hog has had no trouble in seeing his shadow in most parts of the country, unless the cost of living controversy made him so tired he wouldn't come out of his hole. So we can look for six weeks' more of winter—which we would have expected to get anyway.

Mrs. Cora Morris and children and Miss Leoti Porter, accompanied by Miss Rebecca McCaffrey, of Great Bend, were visitors at the Paxton home last week. Mrs. Morris and her sister, Miss Porter, live in Sedgwick county. They formerly lived in Clarence township, south of Albert.

A surprise Valentine party was given Geo. Starr and wife Monday evening. Neither of them knew a thing of it until most of the folks were at the door. It was one of the nicest, most enjoyable and entertaining parties there has been in the city for some time. A late hour the "taffy" guests were served with a splendid lunch. Among those present were John Henderson and wife, Alex Keller and wife, C. W. Deighton and wife, J. F. Reimer and wife, Mrs. E. L. Doty, Earl Duff of Great Bend, Mrs. Nellie Bain, Mrs. Geo. Bain, Miss Sarah Bain, Chas. Keller, H. R. Arnold and Miss Ethel Woolley.

The Commercial Club met last Monday night in Mansolf's hall. A very enthusiastic meeting was held. The overseeing the work of grading the streets was placed in charge of L. G. Mausolf. Main street will be graded and a block each way east and west. This plan as laid down if carried out, will greatly improve the streets. The following have subscribed: L. G. Mausolf, \$20; F. W. Haas, \$20; Ed. Grunewald, \$20; W. H. Jones \$20; Ed. T. Kuhl, \$20; Haas & Kuhl, \$20; C. F. Hays, \$20; Lindas Lumber Co., \$20; H. R. Arnold, \$20; Farmers' State Bank, \$20; Glen Miller, \$15; A. Polzer \$10; J. H. Dirks, \$10; T. W. Grice, \$10; C. W. Deighton \$10; J. S. Winget, \$10; Frank Grunewald, \$10; J. F. Reimer, \$5; E. W. Tullis, \$5; A. B. Tullis, \$5; Joseph Schneider, \$5; F. C. Clare \$5; J. E. Henderson, \$5; J. P. Gallon, \$5.

Dan Bondurant was down from Ness City last Friday and stayed over until Saturday. He is one of the owners of the Farmers Gold Mine at Phenix, Ariz. Harry Arnold of this place, has several shares.

SALES DAY A SUCCESS.

Cold, Windy Weather Was Dealt Out But Many Attended.

Though the weather man handed on an awful bunch of windy weather, that stirred up dust to beat the band, last Tuesday, Barton County's First Monthly Sales Day was nevertheless a success. A large crowd were present and transactions were made quickly. A fair amount of household goods, vehicles and machinery were the first under the hammer, and brought reasonably good prices. In the live stock department, horses were the principal animals to attract attention and a large crowd were on hand to bid. With few exceptions the horses brought good prices, the bidding was spirited and the auctioneers kept all in a jolly mood.

Owing to the bad weather there were not as many ladies came to town as were expected, still quite a number braved the elements and took advantage of the many tempting bargains offered by the merchants.

The auctioneers were Messrs. Dennis, of Hutchinson, Sprinker, of Ellinwood, Mausolf, of Albert, and Bales, of this city. This was a combination of auctioneers that cannot be beaten, and their work was grand, all deserve credit, and we predict that as long as they do the work Sales Day will not lack for lively and careful critics.

All the farmers who attended, and many came from quite a distance, were well pleased with the first Sales Day, and all will attend each succeeding one.

The date of Sales Day has been changed for the future, and will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, instead of second Tuesday. The next Sales Day will be on Wednesday, March 9th.

Now that Sales Days are proven a success, and will be a monthly event, greater efforts will be made to entertain the visitors and many more farmers will look upon it as their day.

A Democrat representative visited a number of the merchants and got their expressions on the Sales Day proposition. While on account of bad weather, some were disappointed in not having a larger crowd, the majority were very well pleased with results, and are enthusiastic Sales Day boosters.

We would advise those having stock or other articles for sale to list the same as early as possible, so that arrangements may be made before the sale opens and everything will be in readiness. By knowing how much stock will be offered for sale the managers in charge can greatly expedite matters, and the auctions will be more satisfactory to all.

Everything for sale should be listed and put on exhibition in the forenoon, so that prospective buyers may examine what they wish to purchase, and bid more intelligently.

Arrangements will be made for better facilities to show stock on March 9th.

Breeden-Kellam.

The wedding of Miss Elsie Breeden and Mr. Frank Kellam was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Breeden, 2809 Forest Avenue, this city, Wednesday evening the 16th, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends. The home, one of the beautiful ones of the city, was tastefully decorated with ferns, carnations, orange blossoms and roses. A wedding bell was suspended from an arch in the bay window of the sitting room. Promptly at eight o'clock, after Mrs. Dr. Morrison had in an excellent manner, sang "All For You," the contracting parties, unattended, took their places under the bell. Rev. Brehm performed the ring ceremony, Miss Maud Luse playing the piano. After the beautiful ceremony congratulations were showered on the happy pair. Refreshments were served and pleasant evening indulged in by the many guests. The bride was handsomely gowned in white satin, the groom wore the regulation black. Many useful and valuable presents were received.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Breeden, for the past fourteen years honored residents of this city. She is a graduate of our high school, a handsome and accomplished young lady, who commands the love and admiration of the many friends of the family. Frank Kellam is one of the sturdy young men who was born and raised in Great Bend township, and is one of those who is doing his share to make Barton county prosperous and one of the leading counties of the state. He is a young man of the very best qualifications, and has in him the stuff that makes good wherever put.

For the present the young folks will make their home at the Breedens but expect soon to go out on a farm to begin life's battle. That they will succeed and be happy in the years to come, goes without saying, nevertheless their many friends extend to them the right hand of fellowship, and their best wishes for a safe, happy and prosperous journey over life's sometimes too tempestuous sea.

Trustee Koch of Comanche township was in the city Tuesday.

Rev. Father Heilmann and Frank Bechka were down from Cheyenne township Thursday.

A cartoon drawn by Mrs. G. W. Smith, adorns a window of the Crescent grocery. It is made to represent the proposed Kansas North-Western railroad, and is very nice.